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In response to applicant's letter of 4/14/05 regarding the IDS filed 1/27/03, the letter provides sufficient evidence that the IDS was timely filed although it was not present in the case. As such the examiner has considered the IDS and a signed copy of the PTO-1449 is provided. All claims remain allowable for the reasons of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Rebecca E. Prouty whose telephone number is 571-272-0937. The examiner can normally be reached on Tuesday-Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Mondays

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ponnathapura Achutamurthy, can be reached at (571) 272-0928. The fax phone number for this Group is 571-273-8300.

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